

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

## Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Mark's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

### ❖ ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES:

- A **staffed nursery** is located in the back of the church lobby.
- A **privacy room**, especially reserved for nursing mothers, is located on the east side of the church entryway.
- **Activity sheets for children** can be picked up on the Information Center's shelf in the church lobby.



### ❖ HEARING AND READING ASSISTANCE:

- **Personal hearing assistance devices** are available on the entryway wall near the sanctuary's west entrance door. The sanctuary is also *looped* for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.
- We also have **LARGE PRINT service booklets** that you can pick up on the shelf under the Information Center bulletin board in the church lobby.



### ❖ CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER:

- A **connection card** has been handed to you by one of the ushers. Please complete the appropriate side of the card and pass it toward the center aisle to the usher at the end of the offering.



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** Humility. Do you consider yourself to be a humble person? Does humility equal being downcast? When you think of humility, is there a person who comes to mind as a great example of being humble? Jesus walked this earth with great humility though He had every reason to walk around arrogant. In His humility He did a very unselfish act for all humankind. It is this humility and this act we continue to celebrate today. God keep us humble while also remaining confident in this life in light of the next. Let us worship Him!

## HYMN

*(musical introduction)*

## Not Unto Us

*Christian Worship # 392*

*Not unto us, not unto us be glory, Lord;  
Not unto us but to your name be praise;  
Not unto us but to your name all honor be giv'n  
For matchless mercy, forgiveness, and grace.*

*Amazing grace—that chose us e'er the worlds were made;  
Amazing grace—that sent your Son to save;  
Amazing grace—that robed us in your righteousness  
And taught our lips to sing glory and praise.*

*O faithful love—that shepherded through faithless years;  
Forgiving love—that led us to your truth;  
Unyielding love—that would not let us turn from you  
But sent us forth to speak pardon and peace.*

*Not unto us but to your name be glory, Lord,  
For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.  
Abide with us till trav'ling days are over and done,  
And pilgrim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.*

Minister: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*(musical introduction)*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score ends with a double bar line.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray. Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation;

**C:** **through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## HYMN

*(musical introduction)*

**Speak, O Lord**

*Christian Worship Supplement # 735*

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All your purposes for your glory.*

## FIRST LESSON

**Genesis 37:1-11**

*Could Joseph have handled the situation differently? Though he ended up being right, let that not be an excuse for arrogance.*

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. <sup>4</sup>When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. <sup>5</sup>Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: <sup>7</sup>We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." <sup>8</sup>His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. <sup>9</sup>Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." <sup>10</sup>When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" <sup>11</sup>His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

**HYMN***(musical introduction)***Speak, O Lord***Christian Worship Supplement # 735*

*Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.  
 Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of your purity.  
 Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
 Your majestic love and authority.  
 Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

**SECOND LESSON****Romans 8:1-10**

*Do you live with guilt? Has not Jesus done something about that? Recall what He has done and why, then live the result.*

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

**HYMN***(musical introduction)***Speak, O Lord***Christian Worship Supplement # 735*

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
 Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will echo down through eternity.  
 And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
 And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
 Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built And you fill the earth with your glory.*

*Worship services center on the Gospel Reading.*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 20:17-28**

*Jesus knows what needed to be done, and He still came to earth to do it. Is there a greater love than His?*

<sup>17</sup> Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, <sup>18</sup> “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death <sup>19</sup> and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!” <sup>20</sup> Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. <sup>21</sup> “What is it you want?” he asked. She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.” <sup>22</sup> “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.” <sup>24</sup> When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*(musical introduction)*

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

*Christian Worship # 452*

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,  
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e’er conform;  
Heaven’s glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.  
Though we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heav’nly joy,**

**And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.  
Christ, I suffer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.**

**Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,  
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.**

**Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin,  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.**

**Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he's risen from the dead,  
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, thou art now our head.  
We are truly thine own members; Where thou livest, there live we.  
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.  
Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.**

**SERMON**

**Based on Matthew 20:17-28**

**"Imitate The Savior's Attitude"**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THANK OFFERING**

*While we are not able to give our thank offerings in person at this time,  
we thank you for your faithful on-going support of the ministry  
through St. Mark's. Thank offerings can be mailed to the church office,  
or you can go to our website and under the 'Resource' link find our online donation link.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### HYMN

*(musical introduction)*

### Lamb of God

*Christian Worship Supplement # 748*

*Your only Son, no sin to hide, But you have sent him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God. (Refrain)*

#### *Refrain*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*Your gift of love they crucified. They laughed and scorned him as he died:  
The humble King they named a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)*

*I was so lost; I should have died, But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod And to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)*

### PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, be at peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*(musical introduction)*

## **When in the Hour of Utmost Need**

*Christian Worship # 413*

**When in the hour of utmost need  
We know not where to look for aid,  
When days and nights of anxious thought  
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,**

**Then is our comfort this alone  
That we may meet before your throne;  
To you, O faithful God, we cry  
For rescue in our misery.**

**For you have promised, Lord, to heed  
Your children's cries in time of need  
Through him whose name alone is great,  
Our Savior and our advocate.**

**And so we come, O God, today  
And all our woes before you lay.  
Be with us in our anguish still;  
Free us at last from ev'ry ill,**

**So that with all our hearts we may  
To you our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to your Word  
And now and ever praise you, Lord.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **For Reflection based on Today's Scripture Readings ...**

Describe Joseph, what kind of child/teen he was? What did his brothers think of him, and why? What better way could have Joseph communicated his dreams? What makes someone a good leader? How can family members not allow jealousy to get between them? Co-workers? Thankfully Joseph did not lose what along the way? See Romans 12:1-21.

What does 'no condemnation' mean? How has Christ gained this verdict for us? Can the Law set us free (even human law)? Why not? How has the verdict gained for us become our own, and how does it remain our own? What happens if one gives into the sinful nature? What does a life of 'peace' look like here on earth? See Lamentations 3:21-40; Galatians 5:14-26, 6:7-10.

What did Jesus know was going to happen in a few days to Him? If you know something not good is going to happen, how do you react? Why did Jesus go through with putting Himself in harm's ways? What was wrong with the request of James and John's mother? How did Jesus handle her request? In what ways do people seek honor in the church, in the home, or in society? What is the lesson Jesus is getting across with verses 26-28? See Luke 19:10; Matthew 5:1-16.

### **Serving at Worship**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

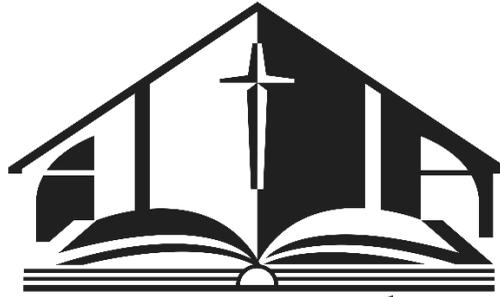
### Weekly Calendar

All Church and School Functions are cancelled until April 7th, 2020.

This is following the 'Order' given out by Sacramento County Officials on March 19.

We will provide updates as more comes to light with the COVID-19 situation,  
including news regarding our Holy Week Services.

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Evan Mymka	<i>Mar 22</i>	Ray & Fumiko Stark
Simon Mymka		
Kim McDonald	<i>Mar 23</i>	David & Fran Schmidt
Maren McPeak		
Greg Lazaga	<i>Mar 24</i>	Gary & Gail Verthein
Rosemarie Boushek	<i>Mar 25</i>	Steve & Ellie Ennis
		Franklin & Felicidad Galvez
Michael Lane	<i>Mar 26</i>	
Ray Stark	<i>Mar 27</i>	
Glenn Walker	<i>Mar 28</i>	



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Children's Sunday School from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.  
Adult & Teen Sunday Bible Classes from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
Monday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:20 a.m.

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